

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 10, 21, 25, 29, 33 and 37 are pending in this application, with claim 2 being independent. Claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 2, 6, 21, 25, 29, 33 and 37.

Claim 10 has been rejected for being indefinite. In particular, claim 10 has been rejected for lacking antecedent basis for the limitation "manufacturing a semiconductor device." Applicants have amended claim 10 to no longer recite this limitation and, therefore, request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed due in connection with this filing. However, if any fees or refunds are due, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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